



This Month's Service Diary

Sunday 15th September: 16th Sunday after Trinity (g)

Proverbs 1.20-33; James 3.1-12; Mark 8.27-end;

10:00 **Billingborough**: Holy Communion

18:00 **Dowsby**: Harvest Festival

Friday 20th September

18:00 **Horbling**: Harvest Festival

Sunday 22nd September: 17th Sunday after Trinity (g)

Proverbs 31.10-end; James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a; Mark 9.30-37;

10:00 **Aslackby**: Holy Communion (*Methodist Presbyterian presiding*)

15:00 **Sempringham**: Harvest Festival

Sunday 29th September: 18th Sunday after Trinity (g)

Esther 7.1-6, 9-10; 9.20-22; James 5.13-end; Mark 9.38-end;

10:00: **Billingborough**: Holy Communion

Sunday 6th October: 19th Sunday after Trinity (g)

Job 1.1; 2.1-10; Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16;

10:00 **Aslackby**: Holy Communion

10:00 **Pointon**: Café Church

Sunday 13th October: 20th Sunday after Trinity (g)

Job 23.1-9, 16-end; Hebrews 4.12-end; Mark 10.17-31;

09:00 **Pointon**: Said Communion

10:00 **Billingborough**: Joint Harvest Festival with South Lafford

Every Tuesday

10:00 Aslackby: CoffeeStop – postponed over summer

14.00 Pointon: Cornerstone fellowship

Every Wednesday

10:00 Billingborough Village Hall: Pop-In Too

10:30 Horbling: Morning Coffee and Social

14:00 Horbling: Horbling Craft Group

First Wednesday of the month

12.00 Billingborough Village Hall: Soup, Pudding and fellowship

First Saturday of the month

10:00 Billingborough: Church Cleaning

First Sunday of the month

10.00am Pointon: Café Church

Meet and Greet

Come along to Billingborough Church
23rd September

6pm for 6.30pm

to meet our potential new
Priest/s in Charge.

This will be a "bring and share" event.

Please speak to Liz Hill if you would
like to contribute some food.

Everyone Welcome

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Our Prayers

Your wisdom, O God, is greater than ours. You love us, and so we praise you and give thanks. We thank you for giving that we may receive; For dying that we may live; and for rising that we may be born to eternal life.

Help us to deny ourselves and take up the cross of Christ. May we and all Christians look to benefit others before ourselves, to care and not to judge. To do all we can to love others as Christ loves us. Forgive us when we are selfish and self-serving. Help us to see and support those in our community who are on the margins and are in need of love.

Help us, Lord, to overcome our fears and to walk the path that Jesus shows us. We pray for those who cannot proclaim their faith openly as we can. Those who are oppressed because of their faith and we pray for their oppressors.

We pray for peace, both in this country and around the world. May all who have power and authority be filled with wisdom and compassion and work towards peaceful solutions to the world's conflicts.

As the season changes may we look forward and welcome new experiences, especially for our children and young people as they settle into new school years. For all clubs and organisations beginning again, giving thanks for the organisers and volunteers who make so much possible.

Lord, we pray also for ourselves and our loved ones. We ask you to bless and heal, to have mercy and grant new hope. We pray for those who are ill, *Anne Watson*. And those who have died *Kevin Blades, Frank Bristow, Frank Houghton and Brian Parrott*.

We ask all these things, O God, in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers...**

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Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Proverbs 1.20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

James 3.1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Mark 8.27-end

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' ²⁸And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.'

²⁹He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Heritage Open Day
ST JAMES'S ASLACKBY
Sunday 15th September 11.00-16.00
REFRESHMENTS